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PAGE 01 STATE 186067 **ORIGIN SS-15** INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /016 R DRAFTED BY AF/E:RSBARRETT:NB APPROVED BY AF/E:RSBARRETT S/S-O:D.MACK ----- 028985 P 111705Z AUG 75 FM SECSTATE WASHDC TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY SECRETSTATE 186067 **EXDIS** E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINT, PINS, ET SUBJECT: CISCO TWO REF: STATE 186067; DAMASCUS 3044 FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 186067 ACTION ADDIS ABABA INFO KHARTOUM, ASMARA AUG 6. QUOTE: S E C R E T STATE 186067 **EXDIS** E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINT PINS ET SUBJECT: CISCO II REF: ADDIS ABABA 9463 DEPTOFFS MET WITH ROCKWELL/CISCO OFFICERS AUG. 6 TO REVIEW STATUS OF CASE AND POSSIBLE FUTURE MOVES. WE CONTINUE SECRET PAGE 02 STATE 186067 TO BELIEVE FAMILIES' APPEALS, IF BROADCAST BY EPMG AND CLEARED BY EMBASSY, WOULD BE HELPFUL. HOWEVER, OTHER

ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSED (CISCO TO MAKE STATEMENT

PUBLICIZING APPEALS, FAMILIES THEMSELVES TO CONTACT MEDIA

AND MAKE APPEALS, OR WIVES TO MAKE APPEALS THROUGH ASMARA MEDIA) ALL HAVE POTENTIAL DRAWBACKS. IF EITHER USG OR CISCO BECOMES TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH APPEALS, RANSOM DEMANDS MAY BE ENCOURAGED, AND WE HAVE LIMITED CONTROL OVER WHAT FAMILIES MIGHT SAY TO MEDIA. THUS FOR THE MOMENT WE PLAN CONTINUE HOLDING PATTERN IN HOPES KIDNAPPERS WILL EITHER INITIATE CONTACT OR WILL RELEASE CISCO 2, POSSIBLY AFTER COMPLETING REPAIRS TO INSURGENTS' COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY INDICATIONS REFTEL THAT PLF IS SEEKING RELEASE OF HOSTAGES. KISSINGER UNQUOTE SISCO

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